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Honorable Ajit Pai
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Pai:

I am writing to express my support for City of San Ramon Mayor Bill Clarkson to be nominated as a member of the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Broadband Deployment Advisory Committee.

As you know, the Committee will provide advice and recommendations to the FCC Commission on how to accelerate the deployment of high-speed Internet access by reducing or removing regulatory barriers to infrastructure investment. Issues to be considered by the Committee include local franchising, zoning, permitting, and rights-of-way regulations; recommending further reforms of the Commission's pole attachment rules and identifying unreasonable regulatory barriers to broadband deployment. I understand that one of the Committee's first tasks will be drafting a model code covering local franchising, zoning, permitting, and rights-of-way regulations, which could build a better regulatory environment for deployment of infrastructure.

San Ramon is the home of the Bishop Ranch Office Park, a 585 acre world class office campus that is becoming the "third leg" of high-tech business hubs in the Bay Area, joining Silicon Valley and San Francisco, because of the number and variety of well-recognized technology firms with offices at Bishop Ranch. The City is located in the Tri-Valley area, which is already a driving force in the economic engine of the Bay Area, and Bishop Ranch sits at the heart of the region.

As a result of representing the City of San Ramon, Mayor Clarkson understands the importance of providing cutting edge technologies and services in order to attract to the best talent and increase high-tech jobs in the Tri-Valley area. He also understands that consumers benefit most from competition, not preemptive regulation. In addition, Mayor Clarkson understands the importance of maintaining public, education and government access channels in a community, and has been actively involved at the federal level to ensure that this important service remains secure.

As you consider applications from representatives of various sectors of the communications industry, representatives of state and local regulators, representatives of consumers and community organizations, I encourage you to select San Ramon Mayor Bill Clarkson, whose

expertise and viewpoints would be invaluable as you consider the issues to be considered by the Advisory Committee.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

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Eric Swalwell
Member of Congress



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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
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March 7, 2017

The Honorable Eric Swalwell
U.S. House of Representatives
129 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Swalwell:

Thank you for your letter supporting the appointment of Mayor Bill Clarkson, of San Ramon, California, to serve on the Commission's Broadband Deployment Advisory Committee (BDAC). We will certainly consider your recommendation and Mayor Clarkson's impressive resume as the Commission reviews the nominations for the BDAC.

Last September, I proposed what I called a Digital Empowerment Agenda—a blueprint of policies that would accelerate the deployment of high-speed Internet access, or broadband, in communities across the country, including rural America. The BDAC is intended to provide an effective means for stakeholders to exchange ideas and develop recommendations to the Commission on broadband deployment. Its mission will be to identify regulatory barriers to infrastructure investment and to make recommendations on reducing and/or removing them, which will in turn enhance the Commission's ability to carry out its statutory responsibility to encourage broadband deployment to all Americans.

I appreciate your taking the time to communicate your recommendations to me. Please let me know if I can be of any further assistance.

Sincerely,

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Ajit V. Pai